

## Education Cabinet

# County jobless rates released for May 2012 to May 2013

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** May's preliminary and April's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <https://kylmi.ky.gov/admin/gsipub/htmlarea/uploads/May2013CoCharts.pdf>.

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 27, 2013)** – Unemployment rates decreased in 32 Kentucky counties between May 2012 and May 2013, while 78 county rates rose and 10 stayed the same, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 5.8 percent. It was followed by Oldham County, 6.3 percent; Fayette County, 6.4 percent; Ohio and Scott counties, 6.6 percent each; Anderson, Daviess and Hancock counties, 6.7 percent each; and Franklin and Jessamine counties, 6.8 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 17.5 percent. It was followed by Fulton County, 17.2 percent; Leslie County, 17 percent; Harlan County, 16.3 percent; Letcher County, 16.2 percent; Knott County, 14.9 percent; Bell County, 14.5 percent; Jackson County, 13.8 percent; Perry County, 13.5 percent; and McCreary County, 13.2 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted because of the small sample size for each county. The data should only be compared to the same month in previous years.

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